



# Zone 33 Rotary Leadership Institute



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**Zone 33 Division of Rotary Leadership Institute** includes the states of West Virginia, Virginia, eastern tip of Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina as well as D7030 (Southern Caribbean)

**RLI Winter Meeting and Faculty Training - Cary, NC** - The Zone 33 Rotary Leadership Institute welcomed eight new faculty members during its Winter Meeting & Faculty Training event at the Cary Chamber of Commerce Building on January 26, 2007. Faculty Trainers Pam & Bevin Wall ran the event for 30 faculty and RLI administrators. Topics covered at the mid-year



meeting included the segments on the state of RLI, promotions issues, financial reports, extension efforts and other items of concern. The faculty training was divided into segments for new and existing faculty. The new [Part I Faculty Notes](#) were introduced. These notes contain a number of facilitation techniques suggested by faculty for use in RLI Part I.



*(left) Faculty Trainer Pam Wall, Board Chair Eric Adamson and new Faculty member Mike Thacker*

*(right) PamWall makes her point during Faculty training*



**RLI – Gastonia, NC** - Due to concerns about inclement weather, the Marion NC RLI was moved to The Highland School of Technology in

Gastonia, NC. Five Part II students attended the February 10 session, led by PDG Milt Iossi, Deborah Bowen, and PDG Bruce Baker. Western NC Coordinator Bill Wilson was on hand as well. Many of the Part II attendees registered to complete the RLI Part III course at the Concord, NC RLI, February 24.

**RLI – Raleigh, NC** - The fourth annual Raleigh RLI took place at Wake Technical Community College on January 27, 2007. The event featured three Part I classes, one Part II Class, and one Part III class. The event involved Rotarians from a number of districts and utilized eleven Faculty members, all of whom has been participants in the previous day's Winter Meeting & Faculty Training event in Cary, NC. Board Member Glenn Hood and District 7710 RLI Chair Phil Warlick organized the event



Raleigh RLI Participants exchanging idea on an important Rotary topic

RLI Vice-Chair Bevin Wall and Board Member Ron Ferrill bestow RLI Graduate Pins on the two Part III Graduates



**RLI – Little Rock, AR** - Zone 33 RLI Vice-Chair Bevin Wall served as RLI International Training Leader to the Heart of America Division of RLI during a Faculty Training event and RLI held in Little Rock, AR on February 16-17. The event was one of four training events scheduled for the new 24 district division being supported by RLI International training teams. 10 New Faculty were trained on February 16, including practice sessions for the course in the Part I RLI being offered the next day. On Saturday, a Part I class of 17 participants was the beneficiary of the hard work the Faculty put in the day before, as class after class of engaged and participatory Rotarians got their first glimpse of RLI. The Heart of America Division runs from Ohio to Louisiana, and from Tennessee to Oklahoma. Participants at the training came from 7 Rotary Districts.



**RLI – Concord, NC** - Concord's Business & Technology Center was alive with enthusiastic Rotarians on Saturday, February 24th. Three RLI classes (parts I, II, and III) were conducted with 33 participants, who traveled from Charleston, SC, Bluefield, WV and all in between, as Concord's facility serves as a good central location for many. Simultaneously, during the morning sessions, Governor-Elect Graham Wilson of D-7680 conducted a District Leadership Team meeting on-site so that his incoming Assistant Governors could witness an RLI experience; thereby enabling those leaders to promote RLI with confidence to the clubs.



Congratulations to the Rotary Leadership Institute graduates: Spencer Anderson, Kevin Bottomley, Greg Cherry, Stephen Driscoll, Rebecca Faulkner, Donald Haynes, Jacob Maciag, William McLean, Alan Moseley, Stephen Pederson, Charlotte Sacre, Ronald Schneider, and Paul Wickensimer. Leadership was provided by PDG Bill Wilson as Program Chair, District 7680 RLI Chair Karen Shore as Facility Chair, and other Faculty: Bruce Baker, Raffaele Beltram, Ed Hamilton, Milt Iossi, Charles Seay, and Susan Smith.

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**RLI – Fairfax, VA** – An RLI will be held at George Mason University - Fairfax Campus (4400 University Drive, Fairfax, VA) on Saturday, March 24, 2007. Go to [www.rli33.org](http://www.rli33.org) to register and for directions to the venue. Part I, II, and III sessions are scheduled to begin 8:30AM and will end at approximately 4:00PM. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Registration deadline is March 16. PDG Ken Tillman and Jon Allan are organizers of the event.



**RLI – Flatwood, WV** – On Saturday, April 14, 2007, an RLI will be held at the Days Inn Sutton in Flatwoods, WV. Go to [www.rli33.org](http://www.rli33.org) for registration and directions to the venue. PDG John Beckett and PDG Mary Dean are organizers of the event. Parts I, II, & III will be offered. Sessions begin at 8:30AM and end at approximately

4:00PM. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Registration deadline is April 6, 2007.

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**RLI – Blacksburg, VA** – The Inn at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA will be the setting for a RLI scheduled May 18, 2007. Go to [www.rli33@org](http://www.rli33@org) to register and for directions to the venue. Part I, II, & III will be offered. Sessions will begin at 8:30AM and conclude at approximately 4:00PM. Lunch and snacks will be provided. PDG Dave Moreman and PDG Abe Clymer are organizers of the event. Registration deadline is May 10.



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**Chairman's Message**

RLI Faculty, Students and Chairs:

Please put the date June 2-3, 2007 on your calendar, as we will have our Annual Chairs meeting and Faculty training immediately following the Zone 33 Foundation/Membership meeting in Greensboro. This will take place at the same location Saturday afternoon, June 3, and Sunday morning, June 3. We will go over our finances, our governing documents, elections for 2007-8, and faculty training. State Chairs need to be there for voting..

There are four remaining RLI seminars this Rotary year. Lets make them a success as we end the Spring Semester...

Many thanks to you all for making RLI such a great success.... Eric

Chair, Zone 33 RLI  
...Eric Adamson

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### **Focus on the RLI Faculty:**

**Milton L. “Milt” Iossi** is a retired 32-year U.S. Foreign Service diplomat serving in posts in Europe, North Africa, and South Asia. Born in Sioux Falls, SD, he received his B.A. at the Univ. of Minnesota and thereafter pursued graduate studies at Princeton and The National War College. He served during the Korean War. Milt became a Rotarian in 1983 in Dhaka, Bangladesh, while serving in the U.S. Embassy. A Charter Member of the South Brunswick Islands Rotary Club in Shallotte, NC, he was Governor of District 7730 (1993-94), GSE Team Leader to South India (1997), and district committee chair for the District Rotary Foundation Committee, World Community Service, and the Coins for Alzheimer’s Research Trust (CART). He currently serves Rotary International as Chairman of RI’s Diplomatic Protocol Committee for 2004-06 consultant to the RI General Secretary. He has served RI as on numerous RI committees, as Delegate to the 2001 Council on Legislation, and President’s Representative. He and his wife, Toni are multiple Paul Harris Fellows, and he is a Benefactor and Sustaining Member. Milt is also active in a many community charitable and cultural organizations, and was selected for the Governor’s Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in 1998. He chairs the Board of the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Foundation. He has 3 grown children. His interests include reading, diplomacy, history, aviation, golf, volunteer service, and personal investing.



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**John P. Beckett, Jr.** is Senior Vice President and Trust Officer at First Century Bank, Bluefield, West Virginia. He was born and grew up in Bluefield, graduated from Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, and Radford University, Radford, Virginia and holds advanced training in financial services from Northwestern University and the University of Delaware. A member of the Rotary Club of Bluefield, West Virginia, he has been in Rotary for 31 years, served as 1995-96 president, serves on the board of directors, chair for membership and strategic planning and was named 2005 Rotarian of the Year. John was a charter member of his high school Interact club, served as district #7550 Interact chair for four years, as 2004-05 District Governor and currently serves the district as trainer and chair for Rotary Leadership Institute. Zone appointments include: member and chair of DGN training for Atlanta and Orlando Institutes, Copenhagen Southland Breakfast Committee and the 2006 Zone Nominating Committee for RI director. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and sustaining member of the Foundation. John has served on numerous boards and committees including the Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Sales Executives Club, City of Bluefield Planning Commission, CHOICES, Treasurer and Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church. He is married to Becky, a Spanish and English teacher, a Paul Harris Fellow, chair of Atlanta DGN spouse training, coordinator of spouse training for the Orlando Institute and is also active in numerous community and church activities. John and Becky are the parents of three sons.



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**Editor’s note:** I solicit any suggestions you might offer for information to include in future newsletters. Send to [Ron\\_Ferrill@alumni.utexas.net](mailto:Ron_Ferrill@alumni.utexas.net) or [Editor@RLI33.org](mailto:Editor@RLI33.org)